

## Talks In Havana Hit Snag

Havana, Oct. 10 (AP) — Negotiations for the release of 1,113 captives of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion hit a snag tonight, and hopes for their early release were dashed. The talks between James B. Donovan of New York and Prime Minister Fidel Castro were to have ended tonight. But a spokesman for the Rescue Committee said the talks "have not ended. Certain points have to be revised and this will take two or three further meetings."

Donovan and the Cuban members of the Rescue Committee spent four hours with Castro at the Presidential Palace tonight. A committee spokesman had earlier expressed confidence these would be the last talks with only minor details and publicity arrangements to be thrashed out.

In a tired voice reflecting strain, the informant said no communique would be issued tonight as previously promised. No date was set for the next meeting, he added, but it was expected to take place tomorrow or Friday.

The spokesman refused to say whether difficulties had been encountered. But the fact that other meetings are scheduled appeared to dispel fears that the talks had foundered.

Donovan, who believes his negotiations can bear fruit only with secrecy, kept complete silence while relatives of the prisoners remained confident a solution was at hand.

There was no indication that the

negotiations were affected in any way by the claim of an exile group in the United States and Puerto Rico that it had raided the North Coast port of Isabella de Sagua Monday and killed twenty persons.

The raid has not been confirmed by the Castro Government and there has been no announcement of the exiles' claim here. Nor has there been any comment.

The meeting of the New York attorney and Castro had been postponed yesterday with the explanation that Castro was busy welcoming President Osvaldo Dorticos home from the United Nations Assembly.

During the day Donovan and two Cuban members of the Prisoner Rescue Committee were advised to stand by for the meeting.

Then in the afternoon Donovan joined Castro behind closed doors in the Presidential Palace.

### Airline Makes Offer

Informants here said Pan American Airways has offered to fly out the prisoners to Miami as quickly as possible should the negotiations—reported to be progressing—end favorably.

In Washington, one source close to the negotiations cautioned late in the day: "This thing is not wrapped up by far."

Donovan, the Democratic nominee for United States Senator in New York, has emphasized that he is acting in a private capacity for relatives of the prisoners.